

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the election of species requirement in the Office Action dated December 7, 2004. By this Amendment, Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form, Claims 26-27 have been revised to depend from Claim 6, and Claim 32 (corresponding to previously cancelled Claim 12) has been added dependent from Claim 6.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants elect Species IX (Figs. 55-56) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 6, 11-12, 14, 23-27, and 32 are believed to be readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications with regard to the non-elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

A check for \$200 is attached in payment of the required additional claim fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in

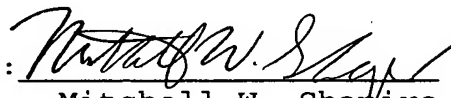
connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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